CONVERSION OF KANDUKRISHI LANDS

27. [7] **Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu :** May I know from the hon. Minister for Land Revenue.—

(*a*) whether a deputation from the Onattukara Karshakasangham waited on him and made representations regarding the penal assessment for conversion of Kandukrishi lands into garden lands, etc.;

(*b*) what steps the Government have taken on the same?

Answer

(*a*) A memorandum in regard to the matter was received by the Minister for Revenue on 20th August 1951 from the President, Onattukara Karshaka-sangham.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

P.W.D. SUBORDINATES

28 [8] **Sri. Eapen Arakkal :** Will the hon. Minister for P.W.D. be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the salary or allowance of the subordinates of the Public Works Department has been enhanced recently;

(*b*) if answer to (a) is in the affirmative what is the rate of enhancement thus ordered to be given;

(*c*) has payment been done in accordance with this enhancement; if not, why, and

(d) whether representations have been made by the subordinates of the Canal Section (W.E. Staff) Alleppey for getting their salary and allowance under the enhanced rates?

Answer

(*a*) The pay of the Work Establishment staff has been enhanced.

(*b*) The basic minimum pay of the Work Establishment staff was raised to Rs. 20 per mensem.

(*c*) Payment has been made at the enhanced rates in almost all Divisions of the Public Works Department. But in some Divisions and Sub-Divisions, payment was not made at the enhanced rates for want of sufficient allotment in the budget. Orders have already been issued to the officers concerned to disburse the pay at the enhanced rates as early as possible meeting the necessary expenditure by diversion.

(d) Yes.

Unstarred Questions posted for Answer on 20th September 1951

LABOURERS IN ESTATES

2[illegible] [3] **Sri. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai :** With reference to the labourers in Ponmudi, Invercauld, Merchiston and Bonaccaud estates, will the hon. Minister for Labour be pleased to answer the following.—

(a) how many labourers are employed in each of those estates;

(*b*) how many people including the members of the family of each labourer live permanently in each of those estates;

(*c*) whether any enumeration has been conducted about the people living in those estates and ration cards issued;

(*d*) what is the total quantity of controlled articles of food issued to each of those estates;

(*e*) what is the total acreage under tea cultivation in each of those estates; and

(*f*) whether there is any area planted with rubber in those estates and if so what?

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